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**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Savino S. Camporeale et al.
SERIAL NO. : 10/699,605
TITLE : Hermetically Sealed Optical Fiber Ferrule Assembly Supporting
Multiple Optical Fibers
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EXAMINER : Khiem M. Nguyen
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a),
AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a two (2) month extension of time, up to and including Monday, April 18, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$225.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, the period therefore having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES:

IN THE DRAWINGS

In response to the Examiner's objections to the Drawings noted on Page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant hereby requests the Examiner's approval of the following proposed changes to Figure 3. For the Examiner's convenience, replacement (formal) drawing sheets 1/2 and 2/2 are enclosed, as well as a marked-up copy of Fig 3 indicating the desired changes in red.

The specific changes made include redrawing of the lead line from reference numbers 24₁ and 24₂ to more clearly show that these reference numbers represent the openings, not the fibers 10. Also, clarification is made to indicate that in addition to adhesive 26, there is solder 28 attaching fibers to the ferrule 20 at the rightmost opening of the apertures 24₁ and 24₂. The addition of reference number 28 to the specification is made in the Amendment that follows.

An indication of the Examiner's approval of the proposed changes is respectfully requested in the next Patent Office communication. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Request or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.